

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Various editorial amendments have been made to the specification and abstract. It is submitted that no new matter has been added to the application via such amendments. A copy of the amended abstract is filed herewith.

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Higuchi. This rejection is traversed and is inapplicable to claims 1-15 as amended herein.

Independent claims 1, and 9-13 have been amended to include recitations directed to a designation step or designation unit for designating a portion of the decoded data as a portion to be re-coded. Independent claims 1, and 9-13 also include recitations directed to re-coding the portion of data designated by the designation step or unit.

In contrast, Higuchi discloses a method for converting video data which is coded by a first compression coding method (e.g., DVCPRO) and is recorded on a VCR (Fig. 1, component 10, and Fig. 6, component 302) into video data of a second compression coding method (e.g., JPEG or MPEG) by using a recording and reproducing apparatus (Fig. 1, component 14) or a converter (Fig. 6, component 312), and recording the video data of the second compressed coding format into a hard disk (Fig. 1, component 16, or Fig. 6, component 310).

However, Higuchi does not disclose or suggest any method or apparatus for designating what portion of the video data is to be re-coded when video data, which is recorded on a first medium and coded by a first coding method, is re-coded by a second coding method. Thus, unlike the invention according to amended claims 1-15, the system of Higuchi cannot designate only the desired portion of audio data or video data included in a multiplexed data recorded in a first recording medium and dub the designated data onto a second medium.

Because of the distinctions discussed above, claims 1-15 are not anticipated by Higuchi and are allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

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